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Peel's own medical officer of health, Dr. Peter Cole has been elected president of the Ontario Public Health Association.

In his first statement in his new position, the often controversial Cole condemned the Ontario Medical Association for not banning extra billing.

Cole said the medical profession should be interested in the quality of health care — not in

self-serving interests.

At the annual meeting held Monday, the Ontario Public Health Association passed a resolution supporting the province's intention to ban extra billing by doctors.

The group has a membership of more than 600 doctors; nurses, public health, and other medical professionals throughout the province.